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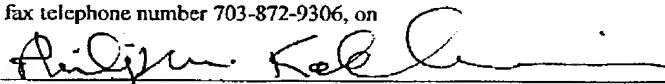
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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 1, 2004

Sir:

Clarification or explanation of a portion of the Office Action mailed on March 19, 2004, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, at page 4, paragraph 6, the Examiner states that "[c]laims 1-6, 9-15, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Newell (3,99,691) in view of Shames et al (3,684,191)". The following material beginning at the

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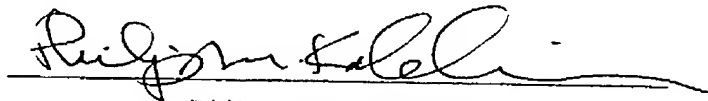
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top of page 5 and continuing to paragraph 7 at the middle of page 6, appears to discuss the Benne and Shames references and not the Newell and Shames references.

It is requested that the Examiner clarify the basis for the rejection in paragraph 6. Is the rejection based on Newell in view of Shames, or on Benne in view of Shames? In either case, it is requested that the Examiner explain, using reference characters of the references, how subject matter of the rejected claims is purported to be disclosed in the cited references.

It is believed that a new period of response should be set based on the mailing date of the clarification of the rejection in the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney if that would be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,



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